



Milton Economic Development **Sustainability Subcommittee**
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 28, 2017
2nd Floor – Milton Public Library – 5:30 PM
Milton, DE 19968

1. Call Meeting to order: 5:40 PM
2. Roll call of members: Michela Coffaro, Lou Colon, Shannon Maner, Bob Howard, John King, Frank Capparell, Anita Capparell
3. Corrections/ Approval of Agenda: Approved
4. Approval of minutes of the 11/15/2016 meeting: Minutes corrected for the working retreat Capparells will be volunteering for the Horseshoe Crab Festival and The Fourth of July event needs a volunteer to run the table
5. Guest Speaker: Jeff Puglia spoke to the committee about vermicomposting, the use of worms to create an organic matter that can be used as a fertilizer. The operation started as a project with his son. Now Jeff is planning on starting a business selling the vermicast at farmers markets and eventually to farmers to be used as a spray fertilizer. He says that the vermicast can increase crop yield as well as reduce the occurrences of algae blooms from using chicken manure. He currently has 125,000 worms and will need about 1 million to start a small scale business. He has only invested about \$4,000 into the company but is looking for an area to expand. His operating costs are low since he uses food waste and compostable items to feed the worms.
6. Announcements: Webinar for Sustainability Planning Grant March 14, 2017 5:30, Date for next working retreat April 29, 2017 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
7. Old Business
 - Michael Parkowski from DSWA is coming to meeting on March 28th. What can we do as a town to better our solid waste program?
 - There is grant money for people to go to the main street conference Lou will speak to the EDC
 - May 9 Woman's club meeting to talk about sustainability Michela cannot attend Shannon will be available to join Lou.
 - Committee discussed updating our survey before we start going to the events, no update.

- Committee discussed creating a digital copy of all the papers and putting them on a flash drive to be easily distributed and copied, no update.
- We need to come up with an outline for the social media for Anita to work with, we should come up with a set of core values at the next meeting, no update.

8. New Business

- Possibility of the Milton Sustainability Sub-Committee merging with the Economic Development Committee
- Shannon received information about a grant opportunity being provided by the DNREC Division of Energy and Climate committee review information online
- Everyone was asked to read more about the grant to come up with questions for the Q/A webinar
- We spoke about inviting the mayor to a meeting to discuss how the Sustainability Committee fits into the vision of the town

9. Next meeting: 3/28/17 5:30 PM

10. Adjournment: 7:00 PM